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REQUEST FOR \$77.00 REFUND

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10/30/98 Statement

Dear Sir or Madam:

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Our October, 1998 deposit account statement reflects the following erroneous charge:

Charge: \$77.00

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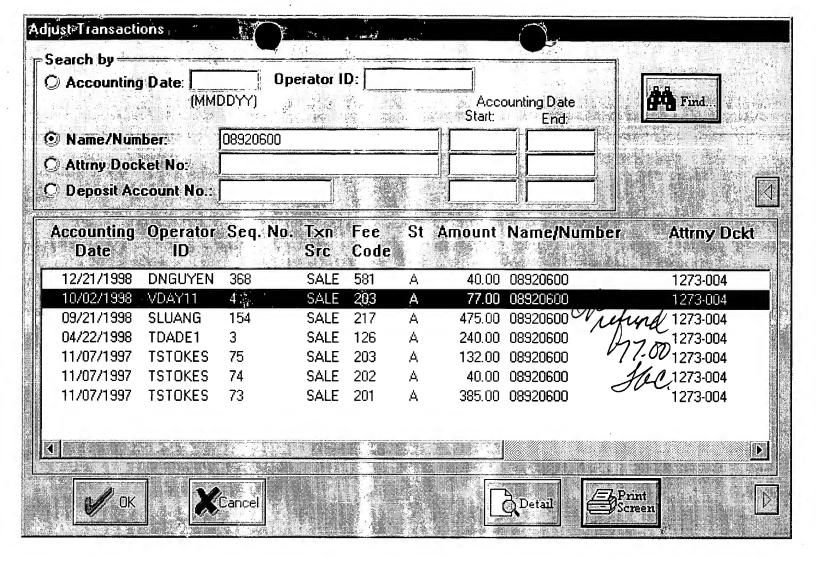
Description: 08920600 Docket No.: FUT1273-004 Fee Code: 203 (excess fees)

The \$77.00 fee is not owed because the newly added claims in our Amendment dated September 17, 1998 do not exceed the original number for which a filing fee was paid, and thus no additional fees are required. Please refer to page 4 of our Amendment dated September 17, 1998 for a more detailed explanation. (A copy of which is enclosed for your convenience.)

Please credit our above-captioned deposit account in the amount of \$77.00.

Sincerely,

Sheri L. Emmons, Paralegal



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REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group II as styled by the Examiner (i.e., claims 27 - 32), without traverse, and ask that the Examiner withdraw claims 1 - 26 without prejudice.

Addition of Claims

Claims 33 - 39 have been added. These claims are equivalent to claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12 and 13 except they have been styled as method claims to properly depend, directly or indirectly from claim 27. The total number of claims now pending does not exceed the original number for which a filing fee has been paid, and thus no additional fees are required. These claims are supported by the application as filed and present no new matter.

Claims 27 - 39 remain pending as a result of the foregoing Amendment.

The Objection to the Disclosure

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's careful attention to the informalities in the present application. The specification has been amended to make editorial amendments to the application in view of the Examiner's helpful comments.

The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 2,15, 21-22 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. section 112, second paragraph has been indefinite for failing to particularly point out a distinctly claim the